Hello Fellow Wolves,

We are officially a quarter of the way through the school year, and there are so many student successes to celebrate. This Wolves Wire addition is packed full of the excitement that has been taking place at MCHS. We have completed our first grading period, and enjoyed meeting and talking to many parents and family members at Parent/Teacher Conferences held on October 18th. Thank you for supporting your student, their teachers and visiting our building.

We are focusing on climate, culture and student engagement this year. The month of October the student body has been collecting canned food items and money to support area food banks. The students raised over 1500 food items in a week, and therefore had the opportunity to pie Kendall Martin (College and Career Director), Aaron Garrett (counselor) and myself on the morning announcements. Fun was had by all, and more importantly the generosity of the families and students to bring in the food is much appreciated.

As we move into our colder months as our seasons are changing, we are excited to continue to cheer on the varsity football team as they are still in playoffs. We also look forward to our winter sport season as girls’ basketball is already underway, and boys’ basketball, swimming, gymnastics, and wrestling will be joining them soon. The Parent Network will be hosting their annual Craft Show on Saturday November 4th in the high school cafeteria, the Sadie Hawkins Dance will be held on Saturday November 11th, and the fall musical performances runs from Nov. 17-19th. We look forward to seeing you at MCHS!

Please keep your eyes on Franklin Street as we will be seeing our senior winter athlete banners going up!

Thank you for all that you do to support your student, our school and the Michigan City Community.

As always, One City! One Pack!

Go Wolves!

Candy Van Buskirk
Principal
From the Treasurer

Book Rental statements will be mailed out the beginning of November.

If you are eligible for Textbook Assistance for your textbook rental fees, you would be responsible for the Supply portion of the bill.

***Parents/Guardians of Seniors:*** Get your delinquent book rental fees paid up to date.

****Attention Parent/Guardians that have been turned over to the Collection Agency****

****IMPORTANT COLLECTION AGENCY CHANGE****

If you have been turned over to our Collection Agency for book rental in the past, please contact them at the address and phone numbers below to make any and all payment arrangements. They can take your payment over the phone with a credit card.

For school years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 & 2016/2017 the Collection Agency is:

Vision Financial  
1900 W. Severs Rd  
Laporte, IN 46350  
Phone Number is 1-866-362-4477

For **ALL PREVIOUS** years - (2013/2014, 2012/2013, 2011/2012 etc.)

Please make your payment directly to:  
First Source  
1232 W. State Rd. 2  
Laporte, IN 46350  
Phone Number is 1-800-650-1776

When you make a payment to either Collection Agency they will report it to us at Michigan City High School.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Counselors’ Corner

The first grading period is over and counselors have been busy holding senior conferences and meeting with students who are struggling in their classes. If your student is having difficulty, opportunities for tutoring exist after school in the Club Inspire program. Tutoring and homework help is available Monday through Thursday from 2:30 – 5:00. Bus transportation is provided at 5:00. Students or parents should contact their counselor for the registration form. The cost of this program is $5 for the school year.

All 21st Century Scholars are encouraged to review requirements for scholarship eligibility. Reminder, students must graduate with a Core 40 diploma and have at least a 2.5 grade point average. Students who are 21st Century Scholars should also continue to work on their Scholar Success Plan grade level activities. These activities should be completed by the end of the school year. Scholars are required to complete three activities per year in order to remain eligible for the scholarship. Students can access their account at Scholars.IN.Gov.

SAT and ACT tests are being held at MCHS in December. The SAT is being held December 2. Students must register by November 2 at collegeboard.org. The December ACT will be held on December 9. Students must register by November 3 at actstudent.org. We strongly encourage seniors who have not taken the SAT or ACT or those who may need to retake one of the tests to register for one of these test dates.

The final deadline for PNW Dual Credit students to withdraw from a course with no grade penalty will be Nov. 22nd. Please see Mr. Ressler to obtain a drop form or for any further details concerning this matter.

Seniors should be checking the Guidance Office webpage frequently for information on scholarships. Go to Michigan City High School from the MCAS website and click on guidance. On the left, you will see the link to scholarships and other important information. Also, as you know, the FAFSA is on line now and available to complete. Deadline for submission is March 10, 2018.
Club Inspire

Club Inspire has been busy this month.

Returning this year are Mrs. Higdon, Math Tutor, Mr. Layman, Credit Recovery and also Homework Assistant, Mrs. Vicky, snacks, dinner and homework assistant. There are enrichment activities daily and a bus home. Club Inspire is held in the cafeteria. Students may sign up with Mrs. Vicky Burton or their counselor. The cost is five dollars for the school year.

Students also went on a field trip to AK Smith for college and career. Our students are now thinking about their choices for a career. More field trips will be planned for November. We will be going to the Lubeznik Center for the Arts. Our students will have a chance to check out the Art Gallery.

We have a new enrichment activity this year, OZOBOTS AT CLUB INSPIRE. What is it Ozobots? Ozobots are small robots with photo sensors that recognize patterns of color coded commands. This year Club Inspire members have been "playing" with ozobots while learning how to program them. Next they will learn Block Based Coding of the ozobots. The Ozobots Program is in cooperation with the Michigan City Public Library’s "Growing Minds" S.T.E.A.M. for teens taught by Ms. Lori Richardson.

Our LEAD & SEED program is back this and we have a new team member. Welcome Lyn Isbell to Club Inspire. Our students are working on Anti-Drug slogans. You can see the poster by the Club Inspire bulletin board.

Parents, teachers and counselors - if you know of a student who needs a mentor, or If you would like to be a mentor, please contact me at extension #4543.

Mrs. Vicky Burton
Program Site Coordinator Club Inspire/Hours for Ours Mentor Program
I HAVE A 4.0 GPA...HOW CAN I BENEFIT FROM COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

Community college is for everyone looking to get a quality education, a career, and save money while attending. Ivy Tech Community College is the top choice of Indiana high school seniors no matter the GPA. Having a 4.0 GPA is outstanding and will not exclude you from attending the largest institution of higher learning in Indiana which happens to be Ivy Tech Community College!

A student with a 4.0 GPA will benefit from attending Ivy Tech Community College by having 2 years at Ivy Tech + a transfer to a 4-year school as a junior with an associate’s degree while saving upwards of 10,000 on a bachelor’s degree. That is the smartest move any high school senior can make in order to achieve their educational endeavors!

Ivy Tech Community College also offers our students over 150 programs to choose from with 19 campuses and 26 learning sites throughout Indiana.

Let’s say you are concerned if your credits will transfer from Ivy Tech Community College to a 4-year university of your choice. We offer more than 100 transfer programs with in-state and out-of-state schools. Ivy Tech Community College currently serves nearly 170,000 students annually.

Feel free to stop by Ivy Tech Community College Michigan City campus to discuss the opportunities we have to offer and to make sure you and your parents get all your questions answered.

Whatever your goal is, Ivy Tech Community College can give you a smarter start to reaching it! Visit our frequently Asked Questions at IvyTech.edu/FAQ.

You can also apply now for free at IvyTech.edu/applynow.

For further information or to make an appointment, please contact our Associate Director of Admissions.

Arelia Bradley
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Email: abradley79@ivytech.edu
Students of the Month

LEADERS OF THE PACK - SEPTEMBER

Practice Respect
Attend & Achieve
College & Career Ready
Keep Working

Art Department - Peter Gondeck
Business Department - Nathan Pawlicke
English Department - Alyssa Walters
FACS Department - Skyler Bailey
JROTC - Conner Gresser
Math Department - Shawn Leslie
Music Department - Adam Howard
PE/Health Department - Colby Turczynski
Science Department - Julia Miller
Social Studies Department - Gracie Abraham
Student Support Services Department - William Mack
World Languages Department - Sally Bibb
The Michigan City High School Student Store has re-opened on Monday, October 2, 2017. The Student Store is managed by a team of our staff including: Mrs. Amy Wojasinski-Labis, Student Support Services Teacher & Department Supervisor, Mrs. Cindy Hastings - Student Support Services Teacher, Danielle Ritter - Student Support Services Teacher, and Ms. Tarra Jones, Paraprofessional. The students in the classroom of the teachers mentioned above, with the exception of Mrs. Wojasinski-Labis, are receiving hands on training and currently work in our store.

Some of the school supplies being sold include: mechanical pencils, gel ink pens, pocket folders, poster board, highlighters, index cards, and notebook paper. All supply items in the store are affordable and sell for $0.25 to $2.00. Spirit wear t-shirts are available in selected sizes. The goal of the student store is to provide our students with a NEW selection of spirit wear t-shirts, along with a choice of a warm sweatshirt in your size. The logo for this new spirit wear t-shirt is currently being designed by one of our own talented MCHS students. We will notify everyone with excitement, when they’re available to purchase. Therefore, stay on the lookout for more details during the morning or scrolling announcements.

The MCHS Student store is open Monday through Friday during 4th, 5th, and 6th period lunches. Teachers, staff, and students are all invited to stop by room 0-108 (next door to the Open Door Clinic) in order to see the latest supplies. Show your support for such amazing provision which is a great convenience for everyone.
Student Support Services

Parents/Guardians of students with an IEP, here is contact information. We are happy to help.

Ms. Amy Wojasinski-Labis, Department Head/ Resource alabis@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. D. Ritter, Moderate: dritter@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. N. Bormet, co-taught English 9: nbormet@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. L. Abbey, Multi-Curriculum: labby@mcas.k12.in.us
Mr. T. Johnston, co-taught Algebra I: tjohnston01@mcas.k12.in.us
Mrs. C Hastings, Multi Curriculum: chastings@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. L Hoard, Multi-Curriculum: lhoard@mcas.k12.in.us
Mrs. S Long, co-taught English 12, Resource: slong@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. S. Krachinski, Multi-Curriculum: skrachinski@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. S. Erby, Credit Recovery: serby@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. A. Hartog, co-taught Algebra II and Geometry, Resource: ahartog@mcas.k12.in.us
Mr. M. Ard, co-taught Algebra II and Geometry: mard@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. K. VarnHagen, co-taught English 11 and Resource, kvarnhausen@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. M. Zolis, co taught English 10 and Algebra, Resource: mzolis@mcas.k12.in.us
Mr. M. Schafer, co taught English 10, Resource and Careers Class: mschafer@mcas.k12.in.us
Mrs. E Stahl, social worker: estahl@mcas.k12.in.us
Mrs. S Baldwin, deaf and hard of hearing: sbaldwin@mcas.k12.in.us
Mrs. L Jones, deaf and hard of hearing: ljones07@mcas.k12.in.us
Mrs. M Dougherty, visually impaired: mdougherty@mcas.k12.in.us
Mrs V. Beglin, Teacher Support, vbeglin@mcas.k12.in.us
Mrs. S Mullins, Teacher Support, smullins@mcas.k12.in.us
Ms. L Pitmon, Paraprofessional
Ms. T Jones, Paraprofessional
Ms. M Landess, Paraprofessional
Ms. M Llorens, Paraprofessional
Ms. M Chandler, Paraprofessional
Mr. H. Arthur, Paraprofessional
Ms. T. Tepper, Paraprofessional
Ms. A. Dobrzeniecki, Paraprofessional
Ms. F. White, Paraprofessional
Ms. C. Stephens, Paraprofessional
Mr. A. Mendez, Paraprofessional
Mrs Wojo-Labis came up with the idea that she wanted all three high schools represented and remembered in her classroom A-109. 12th grader Julian Estrada and 11th grader Kendra Dolson designed and painted the Elston Red Devil, Michigan City Wolves and Rogers Raider. Although Mrs Wojo-Labis is a graduate of Elston High School she allowed the Raider to be painted!

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**SPOT ON CO-TEACHERS**
Ms. Garno and Mrs. Long

Melissa Garno and Sara Long work together daily. They co-teach English 12. Ms. Garno and Mrs. Long work collaboratively to ensure learning of all their students. Their slogan for the 2017-2018 school year, “One City, One Pack, Two Teachers, One Class.”

Please feel free to contact Ms. Garno or Mrs. Long about their class or co-teaching at: mgarno@mcas.k12.in.us or slong@mcas.k12.in.us
Early College

Early College Freshman Awards Ceremony
On October 31 the Freshman Early College students attended an awards ceremony to acknowledge excellence in the classroom. Students were recognized with Alpha Awards in each EC subject area for achieving the highest grade for the 1st grading period. Algebra Alpha Award winners were Nathan Antisdel, Yoshiye Fujita, and Fatima Mota. Biology Alpha Award winners were Nathan Antisdel and Abigail Zook. English Alpha Award winner was Abigail Zook. AP Human Geography Alpha Award winner was Javant Hodges. Four Wolf Awards were also given out to acknowledge hard work, perseverance, and good citizenship. The Wolf Award winners were Luke Heitmann, Jabriea Houston, Linda Will, and Ayden Zimmerle. Congratulations to all of our award winners and to all of the Early College Freshman for their hard work during the 1st grading period.

Algebra Alpha Award
Mr. Layman, Nathan Antisdel, Fatima Mota, Yoshiye Fujita

Biology Alpha Award
Nathan Antisdel, Ms. Dege, Abigail Zook

English Alpha Award
Abigail Zook and Mrs. Frederick
AP Human Geography Alpha Award
Javant Hodges and Mrs. Lindgren

Wolf Award Winners
Jabria Houston, Linda Will, Ayden Zimmerle, Luke Heitmann

Early College Freshman Award Winners and Teachers
Early College Freshman Reward Day:
On October 31 the Freshman Early College students attended a reward assembly during 7th and 8th periods to recognize their achievements during the 1st grading period of the school year.

Early College Freshman College Visit:
The Early College Freshman class will be attending a college visit to Purdue Northwest on Friday, November 17. They will take a tour of the campus, speak to admissions officers, and eat lunch at the PNW café.

Art Department

On October 27th, Mrs. Whitler's Photography and Introduction to Art students traveled to the Art Institute of Chicago. Many students (and chaperones!) said they had never been to the Art Institute, so this field trip provided the opportunity for our students to experience one of the world's leading art museums right in our own backyard. The first exhibit we viewed was "The Photographer's Curator: Hugh Edwards at the Art Institute of Chicago." This exhibit featured over 200 photographs acquired in the 12 years Edwards was curator at the Art Institute. These photographs spanned time from the Civil War to the 1970's and included a photograph of Abraham Lincoln. After they viewed the photography exhibit, students had the opportunity to wander the rest of the museum. Many students liked the Miniatures Room and the Armor Room with the life-sized taxidermy horse.
Business Department

Computer Tech Support

-Submitted by Mrs. Stark

Using students to help in school is not a new concept. This year with the roll out of over 1700 Chromebooks for all students at the high school students are helping fix any issues with the Chromebooks. Students enrolled in the Computer Tech Support class are running a student led Help Desk. Students are troubleshooting technology problems. This class is providing a unique learning opportunity for students, but it also is helping the technology department.

MCHS’s program reflects a national trend of training high school students. This training will hopefully help fill IT gaps at high schools and preps students for the workforce. We are training students to serve as tech support and run a help desk within Michigan City High School. So far this year we have fixed cracked screens, replaced batteries, fixed the track pads and replaced the headphone port.

Demairo Fields, a junior says "There is more to this class than fixing Chromebooks, it’s about moving at an efficient pace, moving step by step, asking for help and more importantly working together."

Junior, Mike Smith says “Fixing Chromebooks is easier than I thought and its teaching me a little about what the inside of a computer looks like.”

Watch for upcoming articles as we add some new added features to the help desk so we can concentrate on the talent of our students and the needs of the school. The course is open to Juniors and Seniors.

Computer Tech’s
John Strelesky, River Storey-Richardson, Janet Ahmed, Demario Fields, Michael Smith
Not Pictured, James Steinhagen and Nathan Jones
PE/Health Department

Name: Coach Kovenz  
Subject: Basic Swimming

Swimming rotations have started for the second grading period. Fitness, conditioning, strengthening, aerobic stimulation, water adaptation and safety factors will be the emphasis for the rotations coming up until the semester break. A reminder that swimming, along with PE classes, are participation classes and participation is encouraged. There are those who try to avoid certain activities, or swimming completely, but participation is encouraged, expected, and graded accordingly. We will be having a PFD, personal flotation device day, with a reality check along with airline flights and ocean cruises. Safety on the water is always encouraged and enjoyment is even better when everyone is water safe and friendly. Go Wolves! Swim for the health of it.

Name: Coach Mason  
Subject: Strength Training

With the winter months closing in on us time for more aerobic activity. Strength training classes will add more agility sessions and distance as we head into the second quarter.

Name: Coach Feare  
Subject: Physical Education I& II

In physical education class we have started basketball and olympic team handball is to follow. We have learned many vocabulary terms and are putting those terms into action. Our classes are really building their skill level. Also, we are continuing to build cardiovascular endurance and are focusing on the first part of class stretching properly. Stretching properly decreases chance of injury. We are going to make sure that we increase our fitness levels for our testing at the end of the semester. Keep going wolves!

Name: Coach Karpinski  
Subject: Health and PE

In health class we have studied many aspects of life. In particular we introduced CPR. In the beginning of the unit, only three students felt confident in being able to administer CPR if someone needed it. By the end of the unit most students felt confident in being able to administer CPR. It is very important that as many people receive certification if possible. You could save a life.

Name: Coach Richards  
Subject: Health

In our Health classes we just finished discussing healthy family relationships. We also learned how to cope with abuse and what assistance there may be in our society for those who are being abused. We are now learning about healthy peer relationships and how this will help us "fit in" and get along with others. This will also help our students learn to handle peer pressure and stay away from the bad influences that they face on a daily basis.
Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department has had a busy month. The Geography classes have been visiting North America. U.S. History has visited the west and watched the Industrial Revolution. In Economics the students are busy buying and selling stocks. The Psychology classes have been learning about the sleep cycle, hypnosis, and many other interesting topics. European History has been discussing the French Revolution.

Mr. Stahl’s Psychology classes ventured to Chicago via the South Shore on both September 25th and October 31st. They visited many locations throughout the loop to include: The Money Museum, Cloud Gate, Union Station, The Flamingo, The 4 Seasons, and many other interesting places. The classes also performed some Psychology experiments on many willing participants in Chicago. On the 31st trip an internationally published photographer took photos of the classes at the Bean for the Wolves Wire. He said, “The students had a great time and were very well behaved.”

(See photos below)

A great time was had by all on both of the field trips. Stay tuned.....
FACS Department

One quarter of the 2017-2018 school year is now behind us. Things continue to move forward in the FACS classes. In the Parenting (Child Development) classes’ students will be taking the infant simulators home overnight. The simulators model the care needed for real live infants including, holding, feeding, and diapering. A student will take the “baby” home on their scheduled 2 days. The care the student provides for the “baby” can be read by the teacher’s computer when the simulator is returned to class the following day. The printout will tell how often the baby cried, whether it needed a diaper change, cuddling, or feeding. It will also register how long the baby cried before care was given or if the baby was not held properly. If the child is abused the simulator will shut down with an abuse comment. This provides the opportunity for questions and class discussion.

Advance Child Development class has started working on their activity cards. There are 8 categories that they will be finding activities to do with young children. The packet is to help them come up with activities they can do with children of all ages. This is a mini lesson plan. Once the packets are made each student will be able to volunteer to do one of their chosen activity with the class for extra credit. They are also learning about finger play songs and the importance of music in a young child’s life. Soon they will be learning to read a book to a young child.

Fashion and Textiles classes will soon be going to the sewing machines to sew. They are presently working on samplers with buttons, snaps, hooks & eyes sewn on the sampler. They also learned to make a running stitch, blind hem and how to pink a raw edges that ravels on their fabric. As a test they will take the skills they just learned from making their samplers to make a handsewn pincushion.

Nutrition and Wellness students have completed biscuits and muffins. Next week they will be making Calzones! Students will get to choose what they want to put in their own Calzone. Not sure these will make it home as the students tend to consume them quickly. We will also be looking forward to planning out how students want to complete their final project, a cookie demonstration. This will show the students the necessity to plan well ahead. With Thanksgiving just around the corner students will be planning what kind of pie they want to bring home for the family break!

Advanced Nutrition and Wellness students just finished making lasagna in the Italian cuisine lab. I have never seen so much lasagna eaten in such a short space of time! Since the class is somewhat smaller we will plan to complete the Asian cuisine lab. Should be a lot of fun as per usual!

Intro to Culinary Arts & Hospitality students are learning about yeast breads, different methods, including sourdough starter, where you create your own yeast! Students from this class will be making Calzones early with little instruction and also in the spirit of running this class as a culinary operation, students will be dividing up, punching down and pinching the dough for use by the lower level classes. Students are learning that sometimes in the commercial world you only see one part of the puzzle, but that is your task to fulfil. This group of students are up to the task!
Music Department

Congratulations to all of the band and choral students on an excellent Premier Concert! The concert was presented on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium and was very well received. It was a great way to kick off the high school concert season. **We invite you to come and hear the wonderful things our students are doing at our One City One Sound Concert on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 7 pm in the high school gym.**

World Languages Department

**German American Partnership Program**, now in its 40th year at MCHS, took 16 students to Germany last summer. The students were exposed to German culture and language for four weeks. The students lived in German host families for 23 days and spent five days in Oberammergau hiking to the castles of Neuschwanstein (copied by Walt Disney, the “Cinderella Castle”) and Linderhof and then climbed the Koffel Mountain. While in Germany the students ate most meals with their host families. They were also able to visit Munich, the concentration camp in Dachau, Ingolstadt and its Asam church as well as the Audi factory and its museum. We also visited the medieval cities of Nuremberg and Regensburg.

Numerous students felt that the program helped them understand the spoken language better. Some even swore that they spoke a lot of German while there. We will start organizing for the coming spring and summer later this month.
German Students arriving at O’Hare

Germans and Americans in Chicago

On the way to Germany

We made it to the top, the Koffel.

American Evening in German

Roman, Medieval and Modern Germany
The city of Regensburg on the Danube

**Foreign Language Clubs and Class Room Activities**

Join a language Club! All of the clubs are now meeting. All are collecting dues to help support club activities. German Club will be going on its annual trip to Chicago to experience German music, food and the German Christkindl Market on December 11th. Also during class and during club meetings language students have experienced ethnic foods. German students have fallen in love with Doppelkeks, a special German cookie.

In December the language clubs will be having their traditional International Dinner celebrating ethnic foods and the spirit of the season.
Start practicing your Kendame! In February the foreign language Olympics will be coming to MCHS.

Come and have fun!
Join your foreign language clubs!!

JROTC

MCHS MCJROTC SUPPORTS SCHOOL, COMMUNITY

The cadets of the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) of Michigan City High School (MCHS) continued to support Michigan City Area Schools (MCAS) and the surrounding community during October. Among the events that the cadets supported were the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Testing at MCHS, Parent/Teacher Conference Night at MCHS, the Veterans Treatment Court graduation at LaPorte County Superior Court, the MCAS Howl-O-Ween night at Ames Field, the Halloween Course at Sunset Hills in Valparaiso.

“Although we seem to be busy throughout the year, Fall is a particularly busy time for us,” said Senior Marine Instructor Major Tom McGrath. “In addition to the many community service requests we receive, we are also preparing for our upcoming drill, marksmanship, physical fitness, and Cyber Patriot competitions.”

Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, the Marine Instructor, commended the cadets on their flexibility and dedication. “We start drill team practice at 5:45 am, and sometimes have an event like the Howl-O-Ween, where the cadets don’t get home until after 8:00 pm. It takes a really dedicated individual to put in that kind of day.”

November will also be a busy month for the cadets. Among the events they will be supporting / hosting are:

Friday, 11/3: Sectional football game, MCHS v. LaPorte, Ames Field
Friday, 11/3: Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Pine Grove, Inn, LaPorte
Saturday, 11/4: Veterans Breakfast, DAV Hall, Michigan City
Saturday, 11/4: Michigan City Veterans Parade
Thursday, 11/9: Marine Corps League Birthday Dinner, Michigan
City

Friday, 11/10: MCHS Veterans Day Ceremony, 1:30 pm, MCHS Gym
Saturday, 11/11: Advanced Placement Seminar, MCHS
Saturday, 11/18: Military Skills Competition, MCHS
Friday, 11/24: Toys for Tots collection, Lighthouse Mall

Cadet Conner Gresser and Dylan Gleason help clean the gym after the PSAT

The MCHS Color Guard presents the Colors at the Veterans Treatment Court graduation at LaPorte County superior Court

Cadets distribute candy during the MCAS Howl-O-Ween event at Ames Field
The Michigan City High School Theatre Department is performing *13 the Musical this Fall*. The performances are November 17th and 18th at 7:00p.m. and November 19th at 2:00p.m. and feature a strong cast. The cast contains a substantial amount of freshmen who are new to theatre and are accommodating well to the rigor of a high school production. Despite being relatively young, the cast is brimming with talent. The seniors feature a sensational 4.0 median grade point average, and the group as a whole is remarkably involved in various extracurricular activities. The cast is comprised entirely of teenagers, but the stories that come to life here are ageless, the emotions they explore timeless, the laughter and the memories they provide priceless.

Returning choreographer, Amy Kreft, has been an unbelievable help with the numerous catchy numbers in the show. All of the students adore her, and she has an ingenious way of designing their movement. She works with the cast, making sure everyone understands the choreography and looks spectacular as they perform. The dancing demonstrates many humorous takes on the typical “middle school” stereotypes the musical, including cheerleaders and jocks. The theatre department is also welcoming a new musical director this year, Taylor Lyles. He is a Freshman at Indiana University South Bend studying for his bachelor’s degree in Music Education Choral concentration. His primary instrument is piano, and his secondary is voice. Taylor is currently studying under world renowned pianist, Ketevan Badridze. Some of Taylor’s most recent accomplishments were being the Music Director/Accompanist for “And Then There Were None”, “The Mousetrap”, and a tribute concert for Indiana’s bicentennial. He has been an astounding help in teaching and leading the new talent.

The musical itself is the perfect match for the young cast. Evan Goldman is plucked from his fast-paced, preteen New York City life and plopped into the sleepy Indiana town of Appleton following his parents divorce. Surrounded by an array of simple minded middle school students, he needs to establish his place in the popularity pecking order. He needs to convince all of the popular students to come to his Bar Mitzvah, but what will it cost to make the party a success? Can he situate himself on a comfortable link of the food chain... or will he dangle at the end with the outcasts?

This fascinating plotline will be brought to life for an additional performance on Friday during the school day. With most of the local middle schools invited, it will be shown to the seventh and eighth grade students of the schools who choose to attend. As always, the cast will be meeting the students outside the auditorium’s exit, allowing the students an opportunity to talk with and ask the cast about the phenomenal experience that the Michigan City High School Theatre Department has to offer. This performance for the local schools has happened in the past, and will hopefully be able to continue for future musicals and plays.

With new lighting and sound technology, the auditorium has recently received several new upgrades, due to the exceptional work of Charles Puetzer, the stage and technical director at the high school. The lighting will create a stunning addition to the al-
ready stupefying acting, sing, and dancing of the high schoolers. The new sound system will also transform the auditorium into the epitome of breath-taking sound quality, with awe-inspiring clarity and fullness. Through the leadership of Charles Puetzer, Taylor Lyles, and Amy Kreft, the Michigan City High School cast of 13 the Musical plans to produce a stupendous performance on November 17th, 18th, and 19th. Hope to see you there!

“Lucy” Anastasia Attar and “Kendra” Bailie Laux acting like they are best friends

“Evan” Josiah Miller and “Archie” Trinity Clayton ready for school at Dan Quayle Junior High

“Eddie” Tommay Komay, “Malcolm” Michael Lakin, and “Brett” Thomas Mizer all showing their moves for “Kendra”
Michigan City High School
Theatre Department
Presents:
13
The Musical

Music & Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown
Book by Dan Elish and Robert Horn

Friday November 17 7pm
Saturday November 18 7pm
Sunday November 19 2pm

Michigan City High School
Auditorium
8466 West Pahs Rd.
Michigan City

Adults $10
Students $5
The LaPorte County Career and Technical Education program held a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 1 to celebrate the opening of a student-run restaurant named “Career Café.” The new café will be open to the public for lunch beginning November 8.

Culinary coursework centers on technical skills based on the National Restaurant Association’s ProStart curriculum as well as the ServSafe food safety curriculum, both leading to national certifications. Students also learn hospitality management, and with the addition of the café, will learn more about customer/client relations and the food service industry, from kitchen to table. Students can earn dual credit from Ivy Tech during the course of the two-year curriculum.

The Career Café will be open to the community on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-1:30 p.m. beginning November 8, 2017. It will offer “Grab and Go” items as well as a sit-down menu. The café will also open for breakfast in the near future. The menu will change monthly; check the AK Smith Career Center Facebook Page for updates!
Principal’s Honor Roll

Congratulations to the 85 students that made the Principal’s Honor Roll for the 1st grading period. To qualify for the principal’s honor roll you must have all A’s in every subject. Check our website for the listing of names.

31 - Freshmen
17 - Sophomores
16 - Juniors
21 - Seniors

Academic Honor Roll

Congratulations to the 485 students that made the Academic Honor Roll for the 1st grading period. To qualify for the academic honor roll students must have a 3.0 grade point average. A student will not be eligible for the academic honor roll if they earn a grade of below a C on their report card. Check our website for the listing of names.

128 - Freshmen
118 - Sophomores
135 - Juniors
104 - Seniors

Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the 100 students that had perfect attendance for the 1st grading period. Check our website for the listing of names.

40 - Freshmen
23 - Sophomores
25 - Juniors
12 - Seniors
Howl-O-Ween Fun at Ames
PNW Guest Visitors

These special guests from Purdue Northwest met with administrators and teachers, and enjoyed touring Early College, Foreign Language, and Engineering classrooms.

Dates to Remember

11/07  Fall Sports Awards - 6:30 p.m.
11/08  School Picture Retakes
11/09  ASMA #2 (Math Dept.)
11/11  AP Student Conference - 8-12:15 p.m.
11/11  Sadie Hawkins Dance
11/14  IML #2 (Math Dept.)
11/17  Fall Musical - 7:00 p.m.
11/18  Fall Musical - 7:00 p.m.
11/18  JROTC Drill Meet - 6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
11/19  Fall Musical - 2:00 p.m.
11/22  Thanksgiving Break - no school
11/23  Thanksgiving Break - no school
11/24  Thanksgiving Break - no school
12/02  SAT Testing
12/5-12/14  ISTEP Retest
12/5-12/14  ECA Retest
12/09  ACT Testing
12/11  International Dinner (World Languages)
12/12  IML #3 (Math Dept.)
12/12  FAFSA Event - 4:00-7 pm
12/14  ASMA #3 (Math Dept.)
12/14  One City, One Sound - 7 pm
12/15-12/19  Final Exams
12/19  End of Grading Period 2 (Semester)
12/20  Winter Break Begins
MCHS Presents...

AP Student Conference

November 11th

FREE support for AP students
English, math, science AP courses
Registration / Donuts at 8:00 am
4 unique sessions from 8:30 - 12:15
Raffles, prizes & more

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